

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS  
June 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Franks at 7:00 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

GUESTS: Darrell Waite, David Traxler, Rod Schweighart, Leo Clennon, Bill Bolger, Christine Walsh, Dave Atchley, Paul Hendren, Susan Helmink, Jim Causey, Steve Messman and Chris Francis Masters.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees Steve Sappenfield, Pat Pioletti and Paul Brady

MINUTES: Trustee Patrick Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to approve the minutes of May 8, 2013. Voice vote; all “aye’s,” motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Steve Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to approve the minutes of May 14, 2013. Voice vote; all “aye’s,” motion carried unanimously.

ECKERT RESOLUTION: Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sappenfield, to pass the Proclamation Resolution for Craig Eckert. Voice vote; all “aye’s,” motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion seconded by Trustee Steve Sappenfield to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote; “aye’s”, Trustees Sappenfield, Pioletti, Brady and President Franks. Motion passed unanimously.

RADON TESTING: Darrell Waite with Callaway came to the meeting to answer any questions regarding his proposal to do radon testing for the REFMC building. He explained the testing is done over a 48 hour period and the carbon fiber equipment stores information to be compared to data readings. Radon is not a straight line item and it varies by night and day. Darrell explained radon is a natural occurrence in nature. If over the limit, which is rare to find, they can do a longer test of 5 – 7 days. Hallways and bathrooms will not be tested. The test is reported to the client, not to the state. At the end of the year, a data summary is submitted to the state.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Dave Atchley indicated there was only one bid at the bid opening from Illiana Construction, Inc. at \$31,125, which is less than the estimated cost for MFT work. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to award the bid to Illiana Construction, Inc. at \$31,125 for the 2013-14 MFT project. Roll call vote; “aye’s”, Trustees Sappenfield, Pioletti, Brady and President Franks. Motion passed unanimously.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Attorney Hendren explained he spoke to attorney Jim Green at the request of President Franks and explained the letter dated 5-23-13 from Mr. Green regarding the property in McKinley Circle. They expect a judicial deed will be issued by the Champaign County Circuit Court in July. If we want to dispose of the property, we would solicit bids for destruction, which would include a notice, opening of bids and a decision if we want to accept a bid.

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed with President Franks' comment that the residents in the area had put up with the issue for over a year and suggested once we have the deed to proceed with the demolition in order to sell the property. They hope to sell the lot for an amount that will cover the expenses incurred including attorney fees. Mr. Hendren stated a minimum bid could be set after the Board determined the value of the property and the expenses. Paul also indicated the Board should pass a motion to accept and record the judicial deed as a formal way to end that part of the process. President Franks stated the July agenda should include a motion to solicit bids for the demolition as soon as the deed is recorded. He also asked if David Atchley could provide formal specifications according to State standards. Trustee Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti, to direct the Village Engineer to provide specifications for the demolition bid. Voice vote, all "aye's" motion carried unanimously.

In regard to lawn mowing issues, Paul H. provided a summary of the ordinance on the books saying if the grass is 8 inches in height, notify the owner to mow within 5 days. If not done, we can mow front and back outside of the fence or if the homeowner won't allow, can have a good samaritan do it if owner allows. Usually don't want to sue because cost is too excessive. Currently there are two properties in question, one which is under foreclosure. We should determine owners and provide notice. In the past, the mayor had made phone calls. President Franks wants the Village to take care of the foreclosure one on Fillmore and Rod Schweighart will mow the other one this time.

Mr. Hendren also reminded the Board about the required Appropriations Ordinance to be presented at the July meeting.

Trustee Pioletti asked Paul H. about email communication between board members. Mr. Hendren responded that technology has advanced more rapidly than the law and the challenge is not to make a mistake. He gave an example that if Trustee Pioletti sends two other trustees a message at the same time, we have a meeting because it is a three-member communication. The best advice he could give was if you want to send an email to everyone, send it to the clerk to send. Also, don't use "reply to all" when responding to an email, because that would be considered a meeting. Three electronic connections are considered a meeting. Even on your personal email, if you are discussing Village business, it is open to these rules.

DAVE TRAXLER: Dave T. reported that it took 1 1/2 days to complete the brush pickup on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Seven dumpsters were used for the spring Clean Up Day.

There was one building permit issued to the Fire Department for a storage shed.

Dave T. is still compiling numbers for drainage problems. The tile at the corner of Jefferson and Madison (near Bruce Wood's property) was jetted Friday.

The mower is in the shop and it is estimated at \$1,500 to fix it. It is 10 years old and has a front mount.

Several people are interested in the old sidewalk bricks that have been collected. President Franks stated new bricks are .79 cents. Trustee Pioletti suggested selling them at \$1.00 and

made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady to sell them at \$1.00 each. Voice vote, all “aye’s”, motion carried unanimously.

The shed roof is to be completed tomorrow and Dave T. indicated he power washed the building today.

There were three permits issued for pools. Trustee Pioletti asked if all were complying with having a fence. Dave T. indicated yes, with one being in progress. Pat thought there was one he saw without a fence, but will go by the location again and if no fence, will get address for Dave T.

Trustee Sappenfield asked about the damage to the township expense. Dave T. said he hit a rock while mowing and it hit their window.

Signs expense was for “One Way” and street signs.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Rod indicated expenses are running as normal and that all CD’s are still in place. He also noted he has been in contact with Stan Feller regarding the upcoming audit.

OLD BUSINESS: President Franks set the Appropriations Committee Meeting for Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at 7:30 a.m. at the Eileen Painter Room at the REFMC.

Trustee Pioletti indicated the bid opening letters have been sent to residents with information of the 22-month agreement, 100% green energy at 0.04439. Pat stated the Good Energy consultant is already laying the ground work for the next term to see if it can be extended then.

Trustee Brady reported it is too late for spraying Ash trees now. He has contacted local nurseries and they will call back regarding possibility for us to do ourselves by drenching mix of herbicide and insecticide, but one has to be licensed. One-day workshops are offered with latest information and a test. It was decided Dave T. would be a likely candidate for the training to be completed before next spring. Trustee Pioletti felt there would be other benefits for Dave T. having this license for all pesticides and spraying.

Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Brady to approve the expenses of the portable potties and police protection for Run4Raley as they did last year. Roll call vote; “aye’s”, Trustees Sappenfield, Pioletti, Brady and President Franks. Motion passed unanimously.

At a prior meeting the Board had agreed to pay half the expense to re-lay existing brick for Khachaturian. Dave T. will notify John Khachaturian that is was not the Village’s agreement to pay for half the pour and stamping of concrete sidewalk that they decided to install.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board received three estimates for the proposed radon check. This only required for the pre-school if we ask for a variance. President Franks, along with the Board, feels it is best to do the entire building. It was noted that the estimate from Mr. Fish (Aziom)

was based on the floor plan, with no onsite visit. Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sappenfield, to award the bid to Callaway & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$850.00 to complete the Radon testing for the REFMC. Roll call vote; “aye’s”, Trustees Sappenfield, Pioletti, Brady and President Franks. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Hendren received communication from Bob Buhnerkemper in regard to the Ameren Franchise Agreement. The information we received and discussed at last month’s meeting was an estimate and attorney Hendren had asked for clarification. We must pay the full street light bill if we wish to do the municipal compensation (\$6,500) and we should pass a motion to this affect. Paul H. suggested this information be circulated to the Board and placed on the agenda for July.

Trustee Steve Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to pass the Prevailing Wage Ordinance Number 2013-579, the ordinance 2013 Prevailing Wage Ordinance in the Village of Philo, Illinois. Roll call vote; “aye’s”, Trustees Sappenfield, Pioletti, Brady and President Franks. Motion passed unanimously.

Both Shipley Estates signs will be fixed and the bushes will be trimmed in the fall.

REFMC report was presented by Susan Helmink. Susan noted the report reflects the start of the new fiscal year. It appears the contribution for the new chairs will be made in installments as a partial payment was made in May. The next country music show by Ed Clem is in July.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Brady-Nothing; Trustee Pioletti-Nothing; Clerk Kirby-Nothing; Trustee Sappenfield-Nothing.

President Franks- Passed around pictures from Bill O’Neill of a Canton, OH stadium seating. Mr. O’Neill would like to build a replica at the Philo ball diamond. One concern was the cost to maintain it and the fact that the Village leases the ball park from the Philo Fire Department .

Resident Bill Bolger asked who decided about the green energy. Trustee Pioletti explained the bidding process to him and also noted that the Board authorized Trustee Pioletti to approve 100% green energy, if within a specific margin.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady to adjourn the meeting.

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VILLAGE CLERK

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT